

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT CHATTANOOGA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	)	
	)	Case No. 1:23-cr-046-10
v.	)	
	)	Judge Travis R. McDonough
	)	
DEREK HATFIELD	)	Magistrate Judge Mike Dumitru

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**ORDER**

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Magistrate Judge Mike Dumitru filed a report and recommendation recommending that the Court: (1) grant Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea as to Count One of the 61-count Indictment; (2) accept Defendant's guilty plea to the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One of the Indictment, that is, conspiracy to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of n-phenyl-n-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), and methamphetamine (actual), in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(C); (3) adjudicate Defendant guilty of the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One of the Indictment, that is, conspiracy to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of n-phenyl-n-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), and methamphetamine (actual), in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(C); (4) defer a decision on whether to accept the plea agreement (Doc. 368) until sentencing; and (5) order that Defendant remain in custody until sentencing in this matter (Doc. 376). Neither party filed a timely objection to the report and recommendation. After reviewing the record, the Court agrees with Magistrate Judge Dumitru's report and recommendation. Accordingly, the Court **ACCEPTS** and **ADOPTS** the Magistrate Judge's report and recommendation (Doc. 376) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and **ORDERS** as follows:

1. Defendant's motion to withdraw his not guilty plea to Count One of the 61-count Indictment is **GRANTED**;
2. Defendant's plea of guilty to the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One of the Indictment, that is, conspiracy to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of n-phenyl-n-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), and methamphetamine (actual), in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(C) is **ACCEPTED**;
3. Defendant is hereby **ADJUDGED** guilty of the lesser included offense of the charge in Count One of the Indictment, that is, conspiracy to distribute a mixture and substance containing a detectable amount of n-phenyl-n-[1-(2-phenylethyl)-4-piperidinyl] propenamide (fentanyl), and methamphetamine (actual), in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(C);
4. A decision on whether to accept the plea agreement is **DEFERRED** until sentencing; and
5. Defendant **SHALL REMAIN** in custody until sentencing in this matter which is scheduled to take place on **May 30, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. [EASTERN]** before the undersigned.

**SO ORDERED.**

/s/Travis R. McDonough

**TRAVIS R. MCDONOUGH**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**